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SUBJ: COSGRAVE WARNS THAT VIOLENCE IS KILLING WISH FOR UNITY

1. DURING GLOOMY SPEECH JUNE 12, PM COSGRAVE WARNED THAT VIOLENCE WAS WORKING AGAINST IRISH UNITY IN TWO WAYS. FIRST, IT WAS DRIVING NORTHERN (PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC) COMMUNITIES APART. SECOND, IT WAS GIVING EVEN PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH "THE IDEA THAT UNITY OR CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH (NI) PEOPLE SO DEEPLY IMBUED WITH VIOLENCE AND ITS EFFECTS IS NOT WHAT THEY WANT." COSGRAVE SAID THAT HE WAS NOT MAKING ANY COMMENT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, BUT HE ADDED: "VIOLENCE IS ACCENTUATING THE MENTAL PARTITION -- AND DOING WHAT NOBODY IN HISTORY HAS EVER DONE BEFORE. IT IS KILLING HERE THE DESIRE FOR UNITY WHICH HAS BEEN PART OF OUR HERITAGE."

2. COMMENT: COSGRAVE'S ADMISSION AMOUNTS TO A MINOR LANDMARK. WHILE HE MEANT IT AS A SOLEMN WARNING TO IRA TERRORISTS, HE WAS ALSO MAKING AN ACCURATE COMMENT ON OPINIONS IN REPUBLIC. ANALYSISISTS SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE WARY OF READING TOO MUCH INTO HIS REMARKS. WE THINK IT LIKELY THAT DESIRE FOR UNITY -- IN MORE MODERATE FORM -- WILL CONTINUE TO BE A FORCE IN NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS FOR MANY YEARS. EVEN IF PUBLIC OPINION WERE
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NOT A FACTOR, IT WOULD BE HARD TO ENVISAGE A STABLE POLITICAL

SETTLEMENT THAT DID NOT INCLUDE STRONG NORTH-SOUTH LINKS.
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